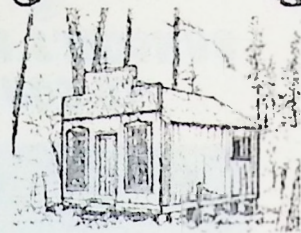


Newsletter of the

BUNCOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

August 2000



START THINKING NOW ABOUT THE TRAIL BAND SHOW DEC. 1

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We're looking for your help and advice on planning Buncom Day next year.

As you know, Buncom Day is held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, except this past May when we held a joint celebration with Ruch to celebrate their Centennial.

We're wondering what kind of a Buncom Day you would like to see next year.

On Page 3 of this newsletter is a questionnaire. We hope you'll fill it out and return it to us, so Buncom Day reflects the wishes of our entire membership.

Thanks in advance for participating!

Grower's Co-op Opens Produce Stand

A welcome addition to the Community is the vegetable stand on Little Applegate Road operated by a cooperative of families.

This is the third year of their operation, but the first in which they've offered their organic products for sale at the farm. The signs are out, and the stand is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 to 3.

Stop by, say hi to Antonio and support their efforts. Tell him you read about the stand here.

For the third year, there will be a special Buncom section at The Trail Band's Christmas Show at Medford's Craterian Theater on Friday, Dec. 1.

For all of you who have attended in previous years, you know what a wonderful and nostalgic show this is, taking us back to the Christmases of the past in the West and elsewhere.

Nearly 70 Society members were in the audience for last year's show, and we expect a large crowd again this year. Still to be determined is whether we will have a Buncom gathering before the show, as we did last year. We'll let you know well in advance.

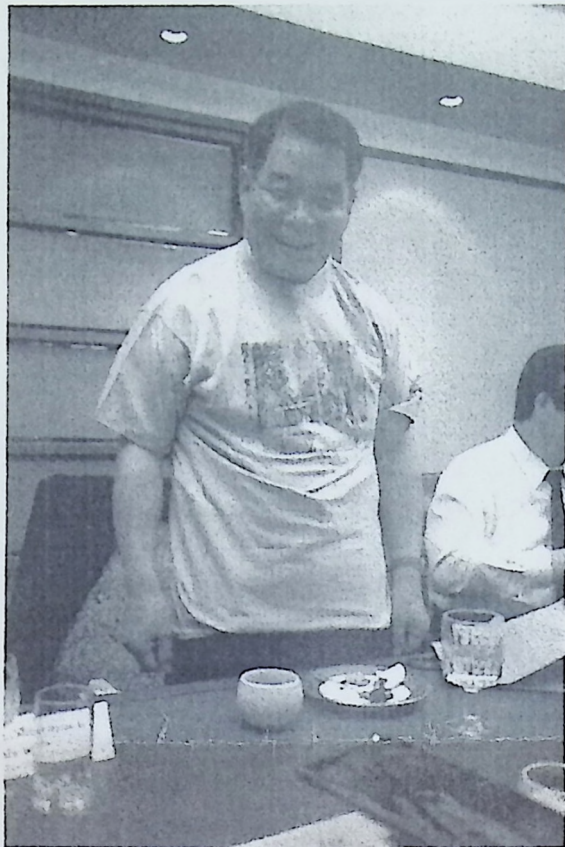
The Trail Band show itself begins at 8 p.m. at the Craterian. According to the Theater's brochure:

"With their singular musicianship and showmanship, The Trail Band offers a uniquely entertaining holiday concert. Joining them once again will be the extraordinary gospel artist Linda Hornbuckle, whose powerful, soulful vocals as depth and grace to The Band's seasonal selections. A show guaranteed to get you in the Christmas spirit!"

Tickets for the show are \$20 each. You can order them in advance by sending a check payable to the Buncom Historical Society at 3232 Little Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530.

If you'd like more information, please call Lyn Hennion at 772-6826 or 899-7656.

BUNCOM'S FAME SPREADS TO SOUTH KOREA



***The Chairman shows off his
Buncom T-shirt***

Society directors Lyn and Reeve Hennion had the pleasure of being entertained by Park Soo Mook, the mayor of Pupyong, Korea; the chairman of its legislative assembly, and other city officials during an Asian trip earlier this summer.

The meeting was arranged by Jackson County Commissioner Sue Kupillas and her husband, Ed, who joined the Hennions for the trip.

During a formal dinner with Pupyong officials, Assembly Chairman Shin Hyun-ki was presented with a Buncom T-shirt, which he proudly modelled.

The Hennions and Kupillas had a difficult time of explaining the concept of a "ghost town" to the Korean dignitaries through interpreters, but

everyone got a good laugh when Mayor Park decided that Reeve Hennion was the "ghost mayor."

Jackson County (where Buncom is, for those of you not from the area), has established a number of trade ties to Korea and especially to Pupyong, a major district lying between the capital of Seoul and Incheon, where a new major airport is being built.

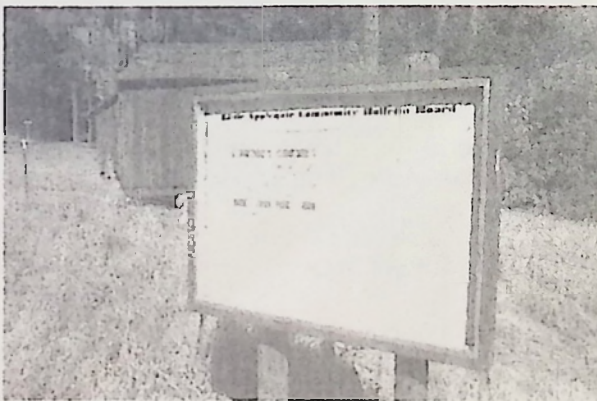
Among the products being considered for export from Jackson County to South Korea is beef, which is in great demand in the Asian nation.

Commissioner Kupillas was in Korea last year to establish ties with Pupyong, and greeted Mayor Park when he and members of his staff visited Jackson County earlier this year.

Next time the Mayor returns we'll have to roll out the red carpet for him at Buncom!

New Community Bulletin Board at Buncom

Thanks to the initiative of a number of volunteers coordinated by the U.S. Forest Service, we now have a new community billboard at Buncom. It was actually constructed by David Wickwire, a USFS intern. Everyone should feel free to use it for community information, but please remember to remove the postings as well when they're no longer timely!



Buncom's New Bulletin Board

NOTES FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD . . .

By Connie Fowler

While walking toward home on a recent Saturday morning I met a couple of cyclists at about Reeve and Lyn's driveway. One was just saying to his friend, maybe for my benefit, "We're coming up on Buncon."

"Yeah", said the other, the big town of Buncon."

"This way to BuncoMMMMMM," I emphasized cheerily as I pointed behind me.

"Is this the greater Buncon metro?" one asked, grinning under his helmet.

"Yes, I answered, "I live in the suburbs, though."

Who cares how you say it, what ever you call it, it is fun to live at or around Buncom if for no other reason than to stimulate nonsensical conversation.

So, does every conversation have to have a deep and meaningful purpose?

I think not. Once in a while a simple exchange of a word or two can make a lasting impression. I remember one of those moments, those temporary but memorable moments, far shorter than this bit of rambling.

As I drove along Hamilton Road, I passed a large turtle right in the middle of the road. I stopped, backed up, got out of my car and carried him to the other side out of harm's way. As I got back into my car I noticed a guy sitting on his porch watching me.

"Turtle," I said.

"Cool," he said.

Smiling, I drove away, feeling a little bit better for the rescue and the rap.

Buncom, as most of you know, is world famous for the Chicken Splat, a highly technical contest where, well, never mind, you know. When Ruch asked if they could celebrate their centennial on Buncom Day this year we agreed, but I, as representative, told them that we reserved all rights to the Chicken Splat.

It happened that I was house sitting

for Warren and Audrey Merz of middle-upper Buncom. I asked Audrey if we could borrow one of her chickens for the Splat. She agreed and suggested I use the white bantam rooster and while I was at it, I could find him a home as she had enough roosters.

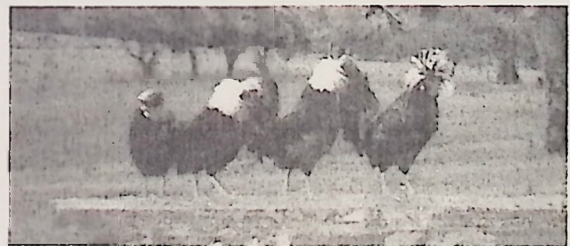
That morning I stuffed the unsuspecting rooster into a cage and by the time I got to Ruch, he was pretty scared. It also occurred to me that he had had nothing to eat since the night before. Hardly conducive to his doing, well, you know.

Optimistically, I went around gathering donations for the game and in no time filled the board. I put rooster and cage in the middle of the parking lot and several adults and children gathered to cheer him on. Several minutes went by and--nothing.

"Maybe he's shy," someone suggested. So I covered his cage with a cloth and went on a wagon ride. Sure enough, when I got back, a faint donation by the rooster marked a square, enough to get a winner. Since no one wanted to take him I returned rooster to his home a little ruffled, but unharmed.

At the risk of having you think that everything has gone FOWL at Buncom, we wanted you to know what a good EGG Audrey Merz is. She sells her chicken eggs to a number of repeat customers and donates all her proceeds to the Buncom Historical Society to continue to keep the buildings in a state of arrested decay. And that is EGGS-actly what the money is used for. Thank you, Audrey!

Audrey's Chickens



**NEW OR RENEWING
MEMBERS SINCE THE
LAST NEWSLETTER**

Tony & Betty Bauer, Medford, OR
Edmund Dews, Ashland, OR
Tom & Connie Gilsdorf, Medford, OR
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John & Baylee Lavoie, Medford, OR
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Alexandria & Paul Enneking, Granite Bay,
CA
Drummond & Deb Rennie, Mill Valley, CA
Dorann Gunderson, Chevy Chase, MD

A SPECIAL THANKS ...

Along with their dues, several of our members send additional donations. We would like to offer our additional thanks for their generous support:

Audrey & Warren Merz
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The Buncom Historical Society is a non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving the buildings and history of the ghost town of Buncom, Oregon. Society address: 3232 Little Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530

On the Internet:
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To join the Society: Send \$5.00 with your name and address to the Society at 3232 Little Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530.

"I am a Buncom"

A note from the Internet:

E-mail after viewing Buncom's page:

"My Last Name is Buncom and I find this very funny."

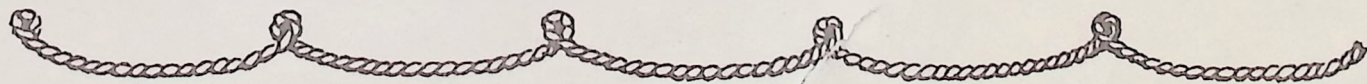
Society President Reeve Hennion e-mailed back:

"Tell us more!"

E-mail returned:

"WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW.
MY FAMILY LAST NAME IS BUNCOM
WE LIVE IN LOS ANGELES CA."

Hennion e-mailed again, asking for more details. Sadly, "Buncom" never responded.



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TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We'd like your thoughts on what to do at future Buncom Days. Please answer the questions and send the questionnaire back to the address below. Thanks.

Do you feel we ought to have a Buncom Day in 2001? Yes _____ No _____

If so, do you feel it should include the same format and activities as in past years?

Yes _____ No _____

What changes would you like to see?

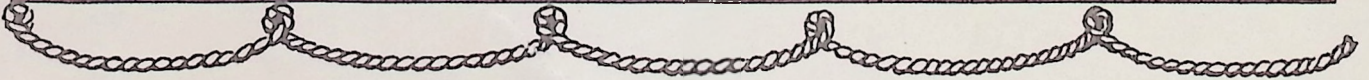
Are you interested in helping plan and organize it? Yes _____ No _____

If so, in what capacity? _____

Any other thoughts?

Name, Address, Phone (optional):

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